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(*b*) if so, at what stage it is and when it can be achieved; and

(*c*) what the population of that panchayat is and what the present source of water-supply for that town is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Sanitary Engineer reports that plans and estimates for the Yedapady water-supply scheme were prepared by the District Board Engineer's staff and sent to him for sanction, that they were returned to the District Board Engineer in August 1932, for revision and retransmission to his office and that nothing further has been heard since.

(*c*) The population of the panchayat is 6,621. The principal sources of water-supply at Yedapady are reported to be two infiltration wells in the bed of the Sarabanga Nadhi.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Continuance of the 10 per cent cut in the salaries of the Commissioners of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 84 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the 10 per cent cut in the salaries of Religious Endowments Commissioners is still continued; if so, why?

A.—The question whether the cut in salaries should be continued or removed is under consideration in connexion with the budget of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board for the current fasli. The cut is only 5 per cent.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know why the Government continued the cut in respect of the salaries of the Commissioners of the Religious Endowments Board when other departments had restored the cut?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The cut has been continued because the financial position of the Board has not sufficiently improved. The matter is now under consideration."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know which is the authority that imposes cuts in salary of the Endowments Commissioners?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Government."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Is it not a fact that the finances of the Board would not permit the repayment of the loan taken by the Endowments Board?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"After the recent amendment there has been substantial improvement in the financial conditions and the Board will be able to repay the loans."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether the other departments whose cuts have been removed are self-supporting?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The question does not arise."